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HAVANA - NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF 1,113 CAPTURED CUBAN INVADERS BOGGED DOWN LAST NIGHT IN DISCUSSION OF UNDISCLOSED "DETAILS," AND IT APPEARED THE TALKS MIGHT CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

NEW YORK ATTORNEY JAMES B. DONOVAN SPENT ABOUT FOUR HOURS IN CONFERENCE WITH PREMIER CASTRO WITHOUT ANNOUNCED RESULT.

"THE NEGOTIATIONS DID NOT END TODAY AS EXPECTED," MRS. BERTA BARRETO, A GO-BETWEEN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, SAID AFTER THE MEETING. "THEY WILL LAST TWO OR THREE MORE MEETINGS, BECAUSE A FEW DETAILS MUST BE REVISED."

MRS. BARRETO DID NOT SAY WHEN THE TWO MEN WOULD MEET AGAIN, AND IT APPEARED PROBABLE THAT NO DATE HAD BEEN SET.

IN EIGHT DAYS HERE, DONOVAN HAS SEEN CASTRO ONLY TWICE. THEY CONFERRED FOR ABOUT 7 HOURS FRIDAY AT VARADERO BEACH, AND MET HERE LATE YESTERDAY. IN BOTH CASES, CASTRO CALLED DONOVAN AND SET THE PLACE AND HOUR OF THE MEETING.

THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN CLOAKED IN SECRECY FROM THE START, AND NOTHING DEFINITE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE TERMS DONOVAN IS OFFERING.

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